

**REMARKS**

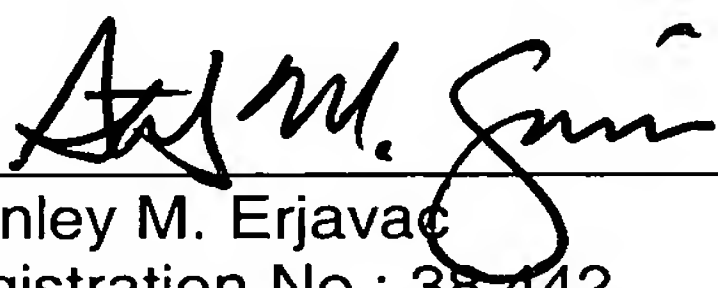
Claims 1 through 18 are currently pending the present application. Claims 4, 10, 15 and 16 are currently amended. The remaining claims are unchanged. In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750, under Order No. 2115-002692/US/NPB from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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